

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, HAMBURG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S. S. *Yokohama Maru*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in this Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godown at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd Proximo, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. All Ship-damaged Packages must be left in the Godown and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company and sent in to this Office within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, January 27, 1899. 220

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM GLASGOW, BIRKENHEAD & SWANSEA.

THE Company's Steamship *Opaka*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at this risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have been left in the Godown and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 3rd Proximo, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 2nd Proximo.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godown after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, January 27, 1899. 218

STEAMSHIP SYDNEY.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, S. S. *Antilla*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Limited, Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless instructions are received from the Consignees before Noon To-day (Monday), the 30th Inst., when the 11th Proximo, at which time Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, the 6th February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Monday, the 6th February, or they will not be recognized. All Damaged Packages will be examined on Monday, the 6th February, at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. D. CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, January 30, 1899. 246

'OLEN' LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Ulenak* having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 30th Inst., at which time Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th February, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 11th February, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, January 30, 1899. 246

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

7.50 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.

11.50 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every half hour.

12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.

3.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.

Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

An additional car will run at 2.40 p.m. until further notice.

SATURDAY.

Extra Night cars at 11.50 and 11.45 p.m. SUNDAY.

8.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Every half hour.

10.50 a.m. and 10.40 a.m.

From 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.

Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

Special Cars by Arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Wongmoo, November 22, 1898. 2082

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIO.

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21 & 23, Queen's Road, Hongkong; 25, Water Street, Yokohama; and 20, Diction Street, Kobe.

Shipping.

Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship *CHIEH*, Captain Newcomb, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 1st Feb., at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, January 30, 1899. 221

FOR SHANGHAI.

LOONGMOON.

Captain F. SCHULTZ, will be despatched from the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, at 8 p.m.

This steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **SIEMSEN & Co.**

Hongkong, January 29, 1899. 241

MOQUIL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship *PATHAN*, will be despatched as above on or about the 2nd February, 1899.

To be followed by the S. S. *SEA*, to sail about 24th Feb., 1899.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents.**

Hongkong, January 27, 1899. 219

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship *CHINCHU*, Captain Mochizuki, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 4th February, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship *YUENSANG*, Captain P. H. ROUSE, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 6th February, at 3 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.**

Hongkong, January 30, 1899. 244

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship *TANTALUS*, Captain HANNAH, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 7th February, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, January 26, 1899. 216

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship *INDRANI*, Captain TROTTER, will be despatched as above on or about the 20th February.

For Freight, apply to **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, January 6, 1899. 249

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK (DIRECT).

THE Steamship *KENMORE*, Captain ELLIS, will be despatched as above on or about the end of February.

For Freight, apply to **CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, January 12, 1899. 17

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A.T. British Barque *QUEEN MARGARET*, FRASER, Master, shortly expected here, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to **SEEWAN, TOMES & Co.**

Hongkong, January 23, 1899. 2497

A WONDERFUL MEDICINE.

BEECHAM'S PILLS.

Are universally admitted to be **Worth a Guinea a Box.**

FOR BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS.

Headache, Loss of Appetite, Sourness and Stitches on the Skin, Disturbed Sleep, &c.

For females of all ages they are invaluable.

The 1/4d. boxes contain 50 Pills. Price, 50 Cents a Box.

Prepared only by the Proprietor, **THOMAS BEECHAM, Esq., of England.**

Sole Agents for Hongkong and Shanghai: **WATSON & Co., 64, Queen's Road.**

FUJIYAMA & Co.

DEALERS in all kinds of JAPANESE CURIOS, and THINGS JAPANESE.

At Moderate Prices.

No. 9, D'Almeida Street.

Head Office, No. 23, Nansamichiro, 1, Chango, Kobe, Japan.

Hongkong, January 9, 1899. 23

AMERICAN SYSTEM

DENTISTRY.

30, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

OHADWICK & Co.

(Late of P. & M. & Co.)

Hongkong, July 11, 1897. 268

Mails.

NORDEUTSCHER Lloyd.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS; ALSO.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LOGGERS.

N. B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

Proposed sailings from Hongkong.

—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Passenger Wednesday February 1.

Shanghai Wednesday March 1.

Yokohama Wednesday March 29.

Prins Heinrich Wednesday April 26.

Passenger Wednesday May 24.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of February, 1899, at 8 a.m., the Company's S. S. *PREUSSEN*, Captain O. FROSTER, with MAILES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 30th January, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 31st January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 31st January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 25 lbs. and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board. For further Particulars, apply to **MELOERS & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, January 6, 1899. 53

STEAM FOR STRAITS, OCEAN, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *BENGAL*, Captain S. BARNHAM, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 4th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to **H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.**

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 23, 1899. 185

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTES FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO.

PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 11th February, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *LAOS*, Captain FLANDRY, with MAILES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Place of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 5 p.m. on the 10th February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. D. CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, January 30, 1899. 243

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OHADWICK & Co.

(Late of P. & M. & Co.)

Hongkong, July 11, 1897. 268

Mails.

TOTO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

Proposed sailings from Hongkong.

Hongkong Maru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Noon.

Nippon Maru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, March 4, at Noon.

Amaterasu Maru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, March 8, at Noon.

THE S. S. *HONGKONG MARU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBELAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1899, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route. Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers and to the principal cities of the United States and Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of OVERLAND Rail routes from San Francisco, including the Southern Pacific, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and Northern Pacific Railway on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the Southern Pacific, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports (for west coast) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. B. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, January 28, 1899. 44

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed sailings from Hongkong.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, Feb. 10, at noon.

Yokohama Maru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, March 14, at noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, April 8, at noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CHINA* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBELAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 16th February, at noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route. Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States and Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the Southern Pacific, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and Northern Pacific Railway on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Overland Railways, to Havanna, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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J. B. VAN BUREN, Agent.

The Shanghai Land Investment Co. pays a dividend of 10% per cent. for the past year.

A proposal has been made that the United States should establish a health resort at Nagasaki for the Manila invalids.

The Kaiser was floated out of the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon today at noon, the extensive repairs to her bottom having been completed.

The Russian Marine Department is proposing to spend the sum of fifteen million rubles in the erection of new docks and new buildings in Vladivostok.

The murderer of Colonel P. Z. de Souza at Macao, after trial by court-martial, has been sentenced to be shot. It is believed the King of Portugal will commute the sentence.

In connection with a fire at 56 Homan Road, Shanghai, on the 18th January, five Chinamen were arrested on suspicion. After proceedings in the Mixed Court, the accused were discharged.

Mr. Harris, of the firm of Morrison, Harris & Co., applied at the Mixed Court at Shanghai, on the 29th January, for a summons against his compeers, who have absconded with Tls. 14,500.

One case of scarlet fever and one case of smallpox were notified as occurring in the Colony during the week ended 28th January. The case of scarlet fever was reported from H.M.S. *Peterhead*.

On the Happy Valley tomorrow afternoon the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Peterhead*. Kick off at half-past four. The Club's representatives are: J. H. Kow, goal; A. S. Anton, and W. J. Mayson, backs; C. T. Kow, H. Ploekney and W. H. Howard, halves; A. R. Lowe, E. W. Looker, J. F. Noble, H. O. B. Harcock and J. D. Danby, forwards.

A Chineseporter German was brought before Commissioner Hastings at the Magistrate's today, charged with being drunk and disorderly and with assaulting the manager of the Hongkong Hotel. Defendant was creating a disturbance in the bar of the hotel and resented the interference of the manager by a free use of his fists. The German was fined \$35.

The V.R.C. football team will play a match with D Company of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, on the military ground at the Happy Valley, on Thursday next, the 2nd prox., kick-off at 4.30 p.m. The following will represent the V.R.C.:—Goal, Brett; backs, Tuohy and Cameron; halves, Gonsalves, Craig and Bailey; forwards, Seth Henderson, Yule, Sutton and Ross.

Every Hongkong resident who knows the work which Mr. William Keswick has done, both here and at Home, for the commercial and other interests in this Colony and in China generally, for the last thirty odd years, will be heartily pleased to see that the head of the 'big house' has entered Parliament. As the Member for Epsom Mr. Keswick will doubtless often appear as the Member for the Farther East, and no one, from his long experience and sound moderate views, could fill so high and important a position so well as he can. As Lord Charles Bessborough has said, the House of Commons is the place of all places to 'move' the Government. The experience of Mr. Keswick as the leading man of work in connection with the China Association will give his opinions an additional weight—comprising, as the Association does, nearly every interest in progress in the Far East. Sir Thomas Sutherland and Mr. William Keswick ought to render it an easy matter to bring a wholesome influence to bear upon the powers that be in any matter of paramount interest to trade and commerce in the Far East. Mr. Keswick's election is a most timely event, in view of the future outlook.

The 'Chronicle' and Directory for China, Japan, Straits Settlements, Indo-China, Philippines, etc., has just been issued for the current year. This is the thirty-seventh issue of this most useful work, which every year is increasing in bulk. The directories of the various ports have been thoroughly revised and brought up to date, and several new ports have been included in the list. Among other additions to the Appendix are the Kowloon Extension Agreement, the Weihaiwei Convention, the Kiochoo Convention and the Railway and Mining Concession to Germany, the Port Arthur and Tientsin Agreement between Russia and China, the Treaty between Japan and Siam, signed on 25th February, 1898, and the Japanese Statutory Tariff sanctioned on the 24th September, 1898. An excellent map has been added showing the extent of territory to be acquired under the Kiochoo Extension Agreement. The 'Chronicle' is an invaluable book of reference for business people in the Far East, and with the increasing mercantile interests in this quarter of the globe should be a valuable acquisition to the office libraries of the manufacturing houses of Europe and America. There is a marked change in the Manila Directory. Instead of the fourteen pages formerly devoted to the Government Departments, the official section is this year confined to a single page, in which the officers forming the U.S. military administration of Manila are enumerated. The popularity of the work as an advertising medium is shown by enlargement of the advertisement section.

The clever new *Dada* Macdonald show was repeated at the West Point Theatre (Bijou) last night before a full house. This entertainment has clearly caught on, and there is no doubt it fully deserves all the good things that have been said about it.

We are informed by Mr. J. M. Beck, Acting Manager of the Telegraph Companies, that he has received information from the American authorities in Manila that the restrictions with regard to the use of the code in telegraphing to Manila have now been relaxed. Telegrams may now be sent in 'code' to Manila, but they are subject to censorship by the American authorities.

At the Regular Meeting of Rothen Mark Lodge No. 264 E.C., held last evening, Bro. D. Macdonald was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Wm. Bro. A. O'D. Gourdin and a board of installed Masters, and appointed and invested the following officers:—S.W., Bro. J. Lechard; J.W., Bro. G. P. Lammert; M.O., Bro. F. D. Goddard; S.O., Bro. G. J. H. Sayer; J.O., Bro. J. D. Ball; Treasurer, Wm. Bro. A. O. D. Gourdin; Sec., Bro. G. P. Lammert; S.D., Bro. A. H. Bottenheim; I.G., Bro. J. J. Bryan; Tyler, Bro. J. R. Grubbs.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, January 29.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

M. Mazau, the Chief President of the Cour de Cassation, who, with two judges of the Civil Section of the Court, has investigated the charges of partiality brought by M. Baurepaire, has reported to the Cabinet that it would be unwise to entrust the decision of this Dreyfus case to the Criminal Section of the Court alone. The Cabinet, upon this, decided to submit a Bill on Monday to refer the case to the United Sections of the Cour de Cassation numbering fifty judges. M. Mazau's report is withheld, except the conclusion, that while the honour of the Criminal Section of the Cour de Cassation is not affected, it would be unwise to leave it the responsibility of pronouncing the final judgment. In the meantime, the Criminal Section continues present at the investigation for a basis of the definite trial before the whole Court.

PLAGUE IN MAURITIUS.

Plague has broken out at Port Louis.

THE SUDAN.

The British flag has been hoisted at Wady Halfa and Atbara.

NORTH BORNEO.

During the absence of Governor Denford, three Commissioners will administer the Government of North Borneo.

(Fa Courrier d'Haiphong)

FATHER FLEURY.

In consequence of the action taken by M. Pichon, the French Ambassador at Peking, the rebels in Szechuen will release Father Fleury.

VIVE LA GLOIRE!

PARIS, January 24.

The Chamber has commenced the discussion of the budget for foreign affairs. Messrs. *Estourmel* and *Cochin* have demanded explanations on the difficulties pending with England. M. Ribot reassured our incontestable rights to Madagascar.

M. Delcasse (Foreign Minister) replied, amidst the applause of the deputies, that he had settled the Fashoda incident in a spirit of patriotic conciliation, and that the honour of France had not suffered. He added that France was always prepared to negotiate honourably.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 31st, at 11.30 a. The barometer has risen moderately on the China coast. Pressure is highest over N. China with moderate gradients and strong monsoon on the coast, and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh N.E. winds, fine.

CONVERSATIONALITY.

A person who can talk without saying anything.

Tombs: Harmless persons who have impediments in their thoughts.

According to a Scotchman's dispatch the water races between China and Quinlan have since the 1st of January, been the scene of no less than seven cases of piracy in, two of which the pirates cut down five men in all. The last piracy was on the night of the 17th January, when two boatsloads of pirates robbed a passenger boat near Quinlan of nearly \$300 in cash and six leather trunks of winter fur and silk clothing belonging to some of the passengers, who were well-to-do natives of Quinlan returning from Soochow to spend the Chinese New Year holidays in their houses. —N.O. Daily News.

THE ELECTION OF GOVERNORS FOR THE PORT SETTLEMENT OF SHANGHAI.

North of the Yangtze River, for 1899, was concluded on the 27th with the following result, Mr. Buchanan being the unsuccessful candidate.

J. S. Pender	268
J. Pender	268
R. Inglis	268
D. M. Moore	263
E. A. Hewitt	244
P. Anderson	243
R. B. Skelton	240
H. R. Kinnear	211
M. Rolfe	202
J. J. Buchanan	116
Messrs. J. L. Scott and McLeod	not successful.

THE CRISIS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MEXICO'S COMMISSIONERS.

The Hon. Charles Denby, late United States Minister to China, now appointed on the Commission to be sent to the Philippines, writes in the *St. Paul* of the duty of America keeping the Philippines. 'I am in favour of holding the Philippines,' he says, 'because I cannot conceive of any alternative to our doing so, except the seizure of territory in China; and I prefer to hold them rather than to oppress further the helpless Government and people of China. I want China to preserve her autonomy, to become great and prosperous; and I want these results, not for the interests of China, but for our own interests. I am not the agent of attorney of China; and, as an American, I do not look to the promotion of China's interests, or Spain's, or any other country's, but simply of our own.' By holding the Philippines we avert the partition of China, and we postpone at least a general European war.

The Philippines, we are informed, made several appeals by wire and otherwise to the people of the United States to send out to the Philippines able Commissioners to investigate on the spot and place the truth respecting the conditions prevailing in the islands in an impartial manner before the Government and people of the Great Union. If the Commission now appointed is composed of such pronounced annexationists as Colonel Denby appears to be, it is to be feared that it will do little towards effecting such a pacific, just, and reasonable solution of all questions at issue as the Philippines and all who have important commercial interests at stake in this part of the world so earnestly desire. It is to be hoped that the appointment of this Commission is not merely a means towards an end—and that end war with the Philippines.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Hon. Sir John W. Carrington, Chief Justice, and a Special Jury.)

Tuesday, January 31.

THE 'BEACONFIELD' LITIGATION.

The suit brought by Mr. Beck, contractor, claiming and carrying on business at No. 23 D'Agular Street, against Mr. Baillies for \$11,200 being the balance of money due for work done and materials supplied on the building known as 'Beaconsfield,' lately in the occupation of Messrs. Duffield and Strick, was resumed today.

For Mr. Beck, Mr. Carrington (instructed by Mr. H. L. Denby) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. J. J. Francis, Q. C. (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for defendant.

The jury was constituted as follows:—Messrs. R. Martin, K. M. Mehta, J. S. van Buren, W. Poole, W. B. Loxley, W. H. Potts, and C. A. Tones. Mr. Francis contended the cross examination of the plaintiff. Plaintiff said he was a carpenter to trade but he knew every thing about the building. Mr. Carrington asked the European witness, who superintended the work at 'Beaconsfield,' and he took his instructions from him. Mr. Carrington spoke to him first of all on 6th November, 1897. Both Mr. Carrington and Mr. Carrington were actively engaged in superintending the work. They both visited the building once or twice a day. Witness did not send in any bill for work done until the completion of the work. Several times during the progress of the work, the witness was asked to do work, and he did not remember any of the dates. Witness never worked for Baillies; he never tendered for any of his work.

Our own manufacturers are the best Piano, for this climate, warranted to stand any thing, low prices and easy terms.—Robinson Piano Co.

Cyclists will be interested in the following note from the *Globe*:—There has been brought into the Bahamas a shipwrecked crew, which was rescued from starvation by the captain, who has his eyes on Java. The catastrophe was the result of his taking a spoke from the wheel, made it into a hook, and caught a shark, on which the crew fed for some time. It is quite contrary to maritime experience that a ship should be saved by the spoke of the man with the wheel.

In the Tontine Buildings, Armagh, on Dec. 19, a sensational occurrence almost resulting in a panic occurred during the performance of a play called 'Ladder of Life' by a travelling theatrical company. The catastrophe was the play is a scene in which the heroine, who is the victim of a murderous conspiracy, is about to be put to death by the guillotine. Just as the girl was being placed under the instrument a powerfully built young cattle dealer named John McKenna, who was sitting in the front row, suddenly sprang on the stage and laid about with a chair among the girls' theatrical assistants until he had effectively rescued her from impending destruction. The curtain was at once dropped, and McKenna was subsequently placed under arrest.

The total quantity of coal exported from Japan last year amounted to 2,105,000 tons, with a declared value of 16,220,000 yen. These figures show an increase of 92,048 tons in the quantity and an increase of 3,385,183 yen in the declared value over the figures for the preceding year. Below are given the quantities, with values, exported during the last ten years:—

Tons.	Yen.
1890.....	1,053,821 4,796,098
1891.....	1,229,811 4,749,738
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1896.....	1,441,815 6,004,788
1897.....	2,194,412 8,919,252
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1899.....	2,105,000 16,220,000

'ACTED LIKE A CHARM.'

MR. HARRY WATERS, HEAD-MASTER, BRIMLEY SCHOOL, RAVENHILL, says: 'I regard Chamberlain's Pain Balm as a most useful household medicine. Have seen it used for toothache, rheumatism, and once on a very bad scalded foot, and in each of these instances it has acted like a charm.' 'Every one who uses Chamberlain's Pain Balm always speaks in the same terms. It should be kept in every medicine chest. Chamberlain's Pain Balm for sale everywhere. Price, 50 cts. and \$1.00 per bottle. Prepared by J. C. Watson & Co., Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.'

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A large area of the populous district of Nantao, on the South eastern side of the city, was laid in ashes this morning and the fire originated in a house. The fire spread rapidly and quickly spread to the adjoining shops and houses, many homes in the neighbourhood being in quite a large way of business. The house where the fire started is said to be situated in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Office for Tls. 7,000. It was about 7 a.m. when the fire broke out, and we are informed that within half an hour the native fire guide from the City were on the scene and did what they could to arrest the progress of the flames. The fire in the foreign fire-stations did not reach an alarm, but even if the flames had reached it they could have done little or nothing owing to the want of water, though they might perhaps have been able to get one or two streams by means of their own pumps from the river. The fire practically burnt itself out, and those who visited the scene today marvel that the native firemen with their poor appliances could do as much as they did towards staying its progress. Some 60 or 70 houses were destroyed. So far as we can gather the losses to the insurance companies are as follows:—The 10,000; the Law Union and Crown Tls. 8,000 or Tls. 9,000; Messrs. Jardine Matheson's various companies Tls. 7,500; South British Tls. 3,500; London Tls. 1,000; Royal Tls. 2,000; Lennahire Tls. 3,000; New Zealand Tls. 1,500, and even these figures are not complete do not complete the list.—*China Gazette*.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

Weihaiwei, January 17.

THE SAILORS AND MARINES were not quite forgotten about New Year time. The missionaries on the mainland invited the marines to a tea and magic lantern entertainment and lecture. The entertainment was held at 9.30 p.m. in the church, and the men who responded to the invitation speak of having heartily enjoyed themselves. On Lukunghat, Mr. Muller, at the Institute, provided a meal, with plenty of bright singing and a lecture after it, also illustrated by the magic lantern, on two separate evenings. On the first evening the lecture was on the 'New Year', and the second on the 'New Year's Eve'. The lectures were well attended, and the men who responded to the invitation speak of having heartily enjoyed themselves. On Lukunghat, Mr. Muller, at the Institute, provided a meal, with plenty of bright singing and a lecture after it, also illustrated by the magic lantern, on two separate evenings. On the first evening the lecture was on the 'New Year', and the second on the 'New Year's Eve'. The lectures were well attended, and the men who responded to the invitation speak of having heartily enjoyed themselves.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

On the 9th inst. the *Barfleur* left for Corea and Nagasaki, and expected to be absent till the end of the month. The *Undershaft* and *Precedent* are still here; the *Undershaft* is expected to leave on the 15th inst

